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1. CONTENTS OF REFTEL CONVEYED MARCH 9 TO HOCKE WHO SIGNIFIED ICRC'S READINESS TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO CONTACT PARENTS IN VIETNAM BUT EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT AS TO PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS WITHOUT NAMES OF THOSE INVOLVED IN HAND. HOCKE OBSERVED THAT IN CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD BE NECESSAARY TO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT PARENTS THROUGH SOUTH VIETNAM GOVERNMENT, WHICH NOW CONTROLS SVN MEDIA. HE SERIOUSLY DOUBTED THAT UNDER THIS CONDITION MANY PARENTS WOULD FEEL IT WISE TO COME FORWARD.

2. HE TOO FELT THAT OPERATION SHOULD BE CONCLUDED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, SINCE AWKWARD SITUATION WOULD BE CREATED IF VIETNAMESE NATURAL PARENTS WERE TO PRESENT THEMSELVES AFTER ADOPTIVE PROCEEDINGS HAD BEEN CONCLUDED WITH AMERICAN FAMILIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, ALTHOUGH AWARE OF REQUESTED JUNE 1 REPORTING DATE, HE ASKED WHETHER HE COULD BE GIVEN SOME IDEA OF THE TIME CONTEMPLATED IN WHICH AMERICAN PARENTS COULD START ADOPTIVE PROCEDURES.DALE

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